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In re Patent Application of:
Kouji MATSUSHIMA, et al.

Application No.: 09/202,791

Filed: December 22, 1998

For: THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR ACUTE LUNG
INJURY RESULTING FROM INDIRECT
CAUSES COMPRISING ANTI-IL-8
ANTIBODY AS ACTIVE INGREDIENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office action herein mailed June 18, 2003, setting a time for response to expire on September 18, 2003. A petition for an extension of time for three (3) months, which extends the time for response until December 18, 2003 is attached herewith along with the required fee. Also filed herewith is a notice of appeal. Pending claims 16-29 and 31-44 were rejected in the final Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.